

**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE  
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**INTERPRETATIONS & APPLICATIONS  
OF BUILDING CODES & REGULATIONS #87-5**



**CODE SECTION :                    UBC   1203.3**

**4/16/98**

**SUBJECT :    EXHAUST FANS IN LAUNDRY CLOSETS**

The Uniform Building Code requires a mechanical ventilation system connected directly to the outside for R-1 residential laundry rooms in lieu of required outside openings for natural ventilation (UBC Section 1203.3, amended). The intent of this provision is to release the moisture and heat that is generated by the washing machine and dryer during their course of operation.

This code provision shall apply to all enclosed laundry spaces. Laundry closets with doors, whether solid or louvered, shall comply with this ventilation requirement.